Basic information

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Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
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Key events

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16/05/2003	Legislative proposal published	N5-0016/2003	Summary
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25/11/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0414/2003	
16/12/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0565/2003	Summary
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Technical information

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Documentation gateway

European Parliament

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Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0414/2003	25/11/2003	
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Other institutions and bodies

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CofA	Court of Auditors: opinion, report	N5-0013/2003 OJ C 122 22.05.2003, p. 0001-0003	10/04/2003	Summary
OS	Legislative proposal	N5-0016/2003	16/05/2003	Summary

Additional information

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2003/0903(AVC) - 16/05/2003 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to present the European Convention's revenue and expenditure account and balance sheet for the financial year 2002. CONTENT : in a letter addressed to the European Parliament, the Presidency of the European Convention on the Future of the Europe has enclosed the revenue and expenditure account and the balance sheet for the financial year 2002. This document shows that on 31.12.2002, an amount of EUR 3.542 million was entered in the Convention's balance sheet. This document states that the Convention's budget, which was established before the Convention started work and without a clear indication of how it would operate, was only partially implemented. This was partly due to the cooperation and flexibility of the institutions contributing to the financial of the Convention, which provided it with both the human and the material resources and the infrastructure indispensable for it to function properly, and to the fact that Governments and national Parliaments were willing to cover the expenditure incurred by their own representatives; and partly to the strict economics and monitoring measures applied in the daily management of the activities of the Convention and its Secretariat The document also highlights that the appropriations under Title 2 (Operating expenditure) and even more so Title 10 (Contingency reserve) were only implemented to a very small extent: the Convention will not in fact complete its work until March 2003 as originally foreseen, but later in 2003, which means that the considerable sums included in the Budget for the translation and publication of the final texts have not

been used during the financial year 2002. The budgetary document highlights in particular that the result of the budget implementation is limited at EUR 33.835 (Line 140000 of budget heading "Justification of balances as at 31.12.2002"). Faced with this situation, the Secretaries-General of the institutions contributing to the financing of the Convention agreed in October 2002 with the Secretary-General of the Convention that all the appropriations not used in 2002, whether or not they were the subject of a financial commitment, would be carried over and used for expenditure relating to 2003. These amounts are as follows: - an amount of EUR 104.043 shall be carried over automatically (Line 444000 of the heading "Justification of balances as at 31.12.2002); - an amount of EUR 3.401.616 shall be carried over by decision (Line 444001 of the heading "Justification of balances as at 31.12.2002). The document makes clear that the Convention Secretariat will ensure that it exhausts the appropriations carried over from financial year 2002 before it makes any calls for funds from the 2003 Budget - which was calculated taking these special circumstances into account.

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2003/0903(AVC) - 26/05/2003 - Document attached to the procedure

This document requests the Council's assent concerning the discharge to be given to the Secretary-General of the Convention on the future of the European Union in respect of the implementation for the financial year 2002 of the budget of the Fund set up for the financial of the Convention. To recall, in its report, the Court of Auditors said that its audit had enabled it to obtain reasonable assurance that the accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2002 were reliable and that the underlying transactions were, on the whole, legal and regular. The Budget Committee examined the Court's report on implementation of the Convention budget at its meeting on 22 May 2003 and following that examination, agreed to suggest to the Permanent Representatives Committee that it advises the Council to give its assent concerning the discharge to be given to the Secretary-General of the Convention in respect of the implementation for the financial year 2002 of the budget of the Fund set up for the financing of the Convention.

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2003/0903(AVC) - 10/04/2003 - Court of Auditors: opinion, report

PURPOSE : to present the report from the Court of Auditors on the accounts draw up by the Secretary-General of the Convention on the future of the European Union for the financial year 2002 (started on 21 February 2002 and ended on 31 December 2002), together with the comments of the Secretary-General of the Convention. CONTENT : this audit report concerns the Fund for the financing of the Convention on the future of the European Union, set up by Decision No 2002/176/EU (21 February 2002) of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council. The Court has examined the financial statements in respect of the management of the Fund for the financial year ended 31 December 2002. It carried out its audit in accordance with its auditing policies and standards. These have been adapted from generally accepted international auditing standards to reflect the Community nature of the context within which the Court works. The Court examined the accounting records and applied the auditing procedures it deemed necessary in this context. This responsibility included drawing up and presenting the financial statements. It should be noted that a large amount of the human and material resources needed for the functioning of the Convention was supplied by the Parliament, the Council and the Commission. Furthermore, national Governments and Parliaments met the expenses of their representatives to the Convention. The Court's examination enabled it to obtain reasonable assurance that the accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2002 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are, on the whole, legal and regular. It should be noted that the Secretary General has no comments to make on the Court's observations.

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2003/0903(AVC) - 16/12/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Helmut KUHNE (PES, D) and gave its assent to the granting of discharge to the Secretary-General of the Convention in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2002.

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2003/0903(AVC) - 22/01/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE : to give discharge to the Secretary-General of the Convention on the future of Europe for the year 2002. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Decision 2004/106/EU of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council giving a discharge to the Secretary-General of the Convention on the Future of the European Union in respect of the implementation for the financial year 2002 of the budget of the Fund set up for the financing of the Convention. CONTENT : This Decision gives discharge to the Secretary-General of the Convention on the Future of the European Union in respect of the implementation for the financial year 2002 of the budget of the Fund set up for the financing of the Convention. According to the revenue and expenditure account for the financial year 2002: - revenue amounted to EUR 4 033 835, - expenditure disbursed from appropriations

amounted to EUR 500 392; EUR 3 499 608 in appropriations for payments has been carried forward from the financial year 2002 to the financial year 2003. The Court of Auditors concluded that its audit had enabled it to obtain reasonable assurance that the accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2002 were reliable and that the underlying transactions were, on the whole, legal and regular.